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CHAPTER 6 / Placer versus Quartz Mining

Compare and Contrast

> "The process of placer mining involves filling a pan with the crushed ore to separate the gold. This could be done individually by one prospector on his or her own.
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> The process of lode [quartz] mining involves the labor of many miners working together to extract the gold from tunnels in a mountain or the earth."
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> —http://wells.entirety.ca/lode.htm

In the space below, compare and contrast placer mining with quartz mining. Your essay may include the differences in the way the precious metal is recovered; the impact the different techniques had on the environment; the kinds of towns that grew up around the different kinds of mining; and the long-range effect of these mining techniques on Montana's economy.